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How does your key feel?

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Saturn and 2 meters

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Date: Sun, 10 Oct 1993 07:03:03 GMT
From: swrinde!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!spool.mu.edu!umn.edu!
csus.edu!netcom.com!wa2ise@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: How does your key feel?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CCBzLn.Myp@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

> Gee, does the type of key really matter? I could send code with just two
> pieces of crossed wire - just switch hands periodically when one gets tired.

I suppose you could use an old computer mouse and press on one of the buttons to tap out code. You might have to remove any mouse electronics and wire directly to the button switch contacts to get it to work. Might be easier on your hand and fingers.

Date: 9 Oct 93 13:30:46 GMT

From: ddsrw1!indep1!cliffo@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Imminent Death of Ham Radio: 2m HT in Penney's Christmas Catalog
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <294fro\$k0a@funhouse.solbourne.com> kucharsk@solbourne.com (William Kucharski) writes:

>For those who felt that Radio Shack's introduction of a 2m HT two years ago
>meant the "imminent death of Ham Radio," those people should stay away from
>the 1993 JC Penney Christmas Catalog.

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>There, on the bottom right hand corner of page 585 is a Midland 73-005 2m HT
>(\$299). Yes, it mentions you need a license. No, I doubt they'll ask if you
>have a ticket if you order one.

Years and years ago, Sears carried both a synthesized and a crystal-controlled 2M mobile radio. Looked JUST like a CB, down to having 23 "channels" on the frequency switch (the xtal-bound unit, that is). So many CBers bought them that two meters here became a wreck. In fact, it appears to be the cause of a "nonstandard" operating mode in the Chicago area; if one wants to break into a conversation, the convention is not to say "break", it's to sign with your call. This was to make sure the breaker HAD a call.

Expect much more of the same, and much worse, as these units hit the market.

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Date: 9 Oct 93 14:55:08 GMT
From: ddsrw1!indep1!cliffo@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Motorola ad in QST?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Oct8.132113.28347@hemlock.cray.com> dadams@cray.com writes:
>The article about Motorola's Drug free program was an unfair attack,
>and a red herring in the argument over whether or not Motorola is
>making an abuse of the copyright law.

Oh, I don't know. Abuse and intimidation are abuse and intimidation, whether in drug testing, copyright law or whatever. If it's corporate policy to abuse and intimidate, it's at least marginally topical.

As a CONSULTANT to Motorola a while back, in order to get a pass to enter the building, they wanted me to sign an invention agreement! I refused and simply went to the guard desk every day and signed in as a guest instead.

If they want me, as a consultant, to assign any and all inventions I come up with to them, then let them pay me my rate for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week commencing with the time I first worked in the industry and ending with the termination of the agreement. Otherwise, they get the work I do for them while they're paying me.

This was IMHO simple intimidation, because such matters were covered in the contract they signed with the consulting house I was working for at the time.

I feel it's topical because a trend seems to be emerging here; they seem to have the attitude that they own everything and everyone they come in contact with.

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Date: 10 Oct 93 06:38:54 GMT
From: news.service.uci.edu!orion.oac.uci.edu!easu348@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Saturn and 2 meters
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

slm@world.std.com (slm) writes:

>...no, not the planet, the car :-(
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>Just wondering if anyone out there has experience using/installing
>2-meter equipment (or HF, for that matter), in a Saturn. After the horror
>stories I've heard from Toyota owners, I'd like to ask around before I
>put any equipment in my new car.
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>Thanks!
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>73, Sharon KC1YR

I've had my Kenwood 741 mounted in my Saturn SC2 for the past 6 months with no problems at all. It puts out 50 watts max., and I have yet to discover a problem with any of the electronic equipment that came stock or as an option in the car. Similarly, no problems on 440 either. Good luck!

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References <vr6z05g@dixie.com>, <1993Oct8.132113.28347@hemlock.cray.com>, <2534@indep1.UUCP>tcom.co
Subject : Re: Motorola ad in QST?

Found this on packet:

Date: 06 Oct 93 15:14
From: N1NRA@KD2AJ
To: INFO@ALLUSA
Subject: Re: Motorola Ad Oct QST

For those of you that have read the ad on page 161 of the Oct 93 QST and are puzzled by its intent, I would suggest that you make the call to the listed 800 number and ask for Mr. Tony Beill. This gentleman will be more than glad to convey Motorola's intention behind this ad.

Mr Beill heads Motorola's product security division and of course will have all the answers for your questions.

John...N1NRA

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References <28uiq3\$dou@cville-srv.wam.umd.edu>, <CEI8n5.JFy@feenix.metronet.com>, <JMILLER.93Oct9150624@lacertae.afit.af.mil>2ise
Subject : Re: Stupid Field Day tricks (was: Re: AAUUUUGGGHHHH!!!)

In article <JMILLER.93Oct9150624@lacertae.afit.af.mil>
jmiller@lacertae.afit.af.mil (Jeff Miller, Homer Simpson's alter ego) writes:
>OK, folks, What's the biggest doofus you've pulled on
>a Field Day? I'll throw a small one out...

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Some years ago, in northern New Jersey, at a field day site at the local community college, some of us were going to use an aluminium ladder as a mast. We strap on an antenna, and instead of using people pulling on ropes to raise it, someone uses their van. With 3 of 4 guy ropes already installed on the ladder/tower, guess what happened when the van went a little too far with the 4th guy line/rope tied to its bumper? Ladder twisted up like a pretzel. :-(

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